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SUBJECT: CHINESE REACTION TO LATEST U.S. MOVES: MUTED,  
SO FAR

REF: BEIJING 17057

1. OFFICIAL CHINESE REACTION TO U.S. MOVES TO SUSPEND  
HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS AND TO SEEK  
TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTION LENDING TO CHINA HAS BEEN RELATIVELY MUTED,  
SO FAR. VIRTUALLY ALL DIRECT COMMENT ON THE U.S. MOVES  
HAS BEEN LIMITED TO REPEATING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
PRESS SPOKESPERSON'S STATEMENTS JUNE 22 THAT CHINA  
OPPOSES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND WILL NOT YIELD TO OUTSIDE  
PRESSURE (REFTEL).

2. THE JUNE 23 PEOPLE'S DAILY FEATURED TWO ARTICLES ON  
THE U.S. MOVES--THE FIRST A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON THAT  
DETAILED THE U.S. MOVES, AND NOTED EARLIER U.S. STEPS  
TO SUSPEND MILITARY SALES; THE SECOND A REPORT ON  
THE MFA PRESS BRIEFING. SIMILAR TREATMENT HAS BEEN  
ACCORDED IN OTHER MAJOR DAILIES. CHINESE TV AND  
RADIO HAVE ALSO, UP TO NOW, LIMITED THEIR STATEMENTS  
TO THE FORMULATION GIVEN BY THE MFA SPOKESPERSON.  
THE CHINESE DO SEEM TO BE SINGLING OUT U.S. MOVES --  
THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN AS MUCH COVERAGE TO SIMILAR EUROPEAN  
MOVES TODAY WHICH WERE, HOWEVER, DONE IN LOWER PROFILE.  
THE CHINESE DID IN THEIR EARLY MORNING BROADCAST  
TODAY JUXTAPOSE THE U.S. MEASURES WITH A FAVORABLE  
STATEMENT MADE ON STABILITY IN CHINA BY A MALAYSIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL.

3. AWARE OF BILATERAL TENSIONS, BUT UNCLEAR OF  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF USG MEASURES, A MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE (MOFERTI)  
RELATED COMPANY CALLED THE EMBASSY JUNE 22 TO ASK  
WHETHER THERE WERE ANY U.S. SANCTIONS WHICH WOULD  
INTERFERE WITH A CONTEMPLATED BUSINESS DEAL WITH  
A U.S. COMPANY. THIS WAS OUR ONLY SUCH QUERY.

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